



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Högberg et al }  
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For: Centrifuge for Processing Blood and ) Examiner: n/a  
Blood Components in Ring-Type )  
Blood Processing Bags )

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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, listing references cited in PTO-892, from Paper No. 8 in the parent application No. 10/000185, filed November 30, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,656,105, of which the current application is a continuation. A copy of PTO-892 from USSN 10/000185 is also attached. The Examiner is referred to the files of the parent application for the documents of record listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. It is believed this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the first Office Action on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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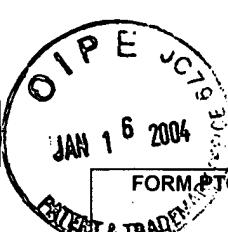
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,368,542	11/1994	McMannis et al			

## FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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	97/30715	8/1997	WO			

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	PTO Form 892 from Paper No. 8, USSN 10,000,185, filed 11/30/2001, issued 12/2/03 as US 6,656,105.

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